

a normal day, 55,000 of those people would be here in Washington, ready to visit the Washington Monument, the White House, Ford's Theater and other locations here.

If today were a normal day, 23,000 Americans would be applying for their passports to get ready for trips abroad. And on a normal day, 700 young men and women would be ready to dedicate themselves to our country by enlisting in our Nation's Armed Forces.

But instead of these normal everyday things, today we have paralysis, confusion, delay, and waste. It's time to end this crisis, and get people back to work.

IT IS TIME FOR THE PRESIDENT TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT BALANCING THE FEDERAL BUDGET

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I am a little troubled by some of President Clinton's comments the last couple of days. I have been listening to the White House press conferences, which seem to occur about every 20 minutes, and I can keep hearing the President claim that he wants to balance the budget.

Now, that is interesting, because the budget that he sent to Congress called for \$200 billion annual deficits into the foreseeable future and added \$1 trillion to the national debt over the next 5 years. His so-called balanced budget was so unbalanced, the Democrats in the House refused to offer it. In the Senate, where it was introduced, it received not one single vote.

Now every time we turn on the television we see a somber President Clinton proclaiming that theoretically he supports some balanced budget at some time, just not this particular balanced budget.

Baloney. The President could care less about balancing the budget. He should join us and we should work together to finally balance the budget for this country.

WHO IS GOING TO BALANCE THE BUDGET IS NOT THE ISSUE

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, here is something the national Republicans do not want to talk about. The last time they were in charge, under former Presidents Reagan and Bush, they passed their budget. You remember it, it was called trickle down. The Federal deficit tripled last time they were in charge.

Under President Clinton, the deficit has finally begun to come down. In fact, for 3 years in a row the deficit has come down. The last President to pull that off was Harry Truman in the 1940's.

Here is a very remarkable thing: If the Gingrich budget passed, it would not reduce the deficit in its first 3 years as much as the Clinton budget reduced the deficit in its first 3 years. And Bill Clinton did it with equity and fairness, without savaging kids or farmers or veterans or old folks.

So the issue is not who is going to balance the budget. The Republicans have proven they do not know how to do it. President Clinton has proven Democrats do.

EVERYBODY WANTS A BALANCED BUDGET

(Mr. NEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, the American people need to know that there was a vote on this floor to protect Social Security funds from being raided. They need to know there was a vote on this floor to protect pension funds from being raided to pay the national debt.

We voted for it, but we were not successful. We needed more support from over here. People talk about the fact that they want a balanced budget, until it is time to actually do it. The American people are not extremists. My district is overwhelmingly Democrat, and the calls are coming in overwhelmingly 9 to 1, by Democrats, Republicans, independents, working people across this country that they want a balanced budget.

The American people care about the money they put into their wallets, and their money for 26 to 30 years the Government has taken out of their wallets. No more smoke and mirrors, no more false promises of Gramm-Rudman. It is time to act and for Washington to act right now on behalf of the American people and the future of children in our country to balance the Nation's budget once and for all so people can keep their own hard-earned money.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, since April of this year, Speaker GINGRICH has threatened that he would close down the Government in order to pass his extremist agenda. Well, yesterday, Speaker GINGRICH got his wish—the Government closed down.

All this because the GOP is in a mad rush to make their gargantuan cuts to Medicare, the environment, and education, so they can help pay for \$245 billion in tax breaks.

Mr. Speaker, the American people yearn for Medicare reforms worthy of the mainstream and not the GOP extreme. Clearly, extremist GOP policies have only one purpose in mind, and that is to reward those who finance the

Republican Party at the expense of those who don't make campaign contributions.

Don't try to blame the President, pass the appropriations bills.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky). Further 1-minutes will be recognized at the end of the legislative day.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I call up the bill (H.R. 1868) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, with the remaining Senate amendment thereto, and move to disagree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment numbered 115.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment numbered 115, as follows:

Senate amendment to House amendment to Senate amendment:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment to the Senate amendment, insert: " *Provided*, That in determining eligibility for assistance from funds appropriated to carry out section 104 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, non-governmental and multilateral organizations shall not be subjected to requirements more restrictive than the requirements applicable to foreign governments for such assistance: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available under this Act may be used to lobby for or against abortion".

Mr. CALLAHAN (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

MOTION OFFERED BY MR. CALLAHAN

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. CALLAHAN moves to disagree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment numbered 115.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Alabama [Mr. CALLAHAN] will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from Texas [Mr. WILSON] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. CALLAHAN].

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members